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SUBJECT: SABAH: BY-ELECTIONS NOMINATION DAY

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BERJAYA WON THREE OF FIVE STATE ASSEMBLY

SEATS ON NOMINATION DAY JULY 15 BECAUSE THEY WERE UNCONTESTED. TOH
PUAN RAHIMAH, 44, THE WIDOW OF TUN FUAD STEPHENS, WAS UNOPPOSED IN HIS

OLD SEAT OF KIULU. (CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARRIS TOLD STRAITS
TIMES' BILL CAMPBELL THAT SHE WILL BE GIVEN A POST IN THE STATE
CABINET). MOHAMED NOOR MANSOR WON IN PAPAR (REFTEL) AND LIM GUAN SING,

FORMERLY AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, WON IN KOTA KINABALU.

TWO SEATS REMAIN TO BE CONTESTED AUGUST 7: TANJUNG ARU (A SUBURB OF
KOTA KINABALU) WHERE BERJAYA'S MATHEW GONZAGA WILL RUN AGAINST THE
SECRETARY OF SABAH PEKEMAS, M.A. RAHMAN, AND MOYOG, WHERE CONRAD
MOJUNTIN, A BROTHER OF THE LATE/PETER MOJUNTIN, WILL MEET AN

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INDEPENDENT.

2. THE THREE WINNING BERJAYA CANDIDATES WERE UNCONTESTED BECAUSE OF THE DISQUALIFICATION OF AN INDEPENDENT AND A PEKEMAS CANDIDATE IN KIULU, AN INDEPENDENT IN PAPER, AND A SABAH CHINESE ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE AND AN INDEPENDENT IN KOTA KINABALU. IN ADDITION PEKEMAS SECRETARY GENERAL ZAINUDDIN KARIM HAS PROTESTED THE SABAH STATE GOVERNMENT REFUSAL TO PERMIT HIM TO ENTER SABAH TO ASSIST THE PARTY'S CANDIDATES THERE.

3. COMMENT. DISQUALIFICATION OF SO MANY CANDIDATES AND REFUSAL TO LET ZAINUDDIN CAMPAIGN IN SABAH IS REMINISCENT OF THE WAY TUN MUSTAPHA USED TO ENSURE UNOPPOSED ELECTION OF HIS UMNO AND SABAH ALLIANCE CANDIDATES. ANOTHER MUSTAPHIAN ECHO WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY DATUK HARRIS OF A TUN FUAD FOUNDATION TO BE FUNDED FROM THE EARNINGS OF LAND DONATED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT.
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